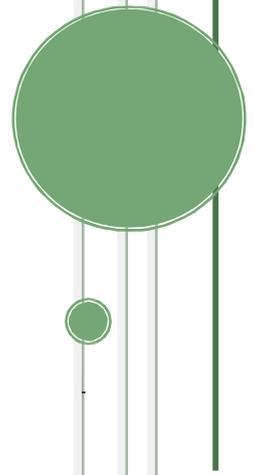
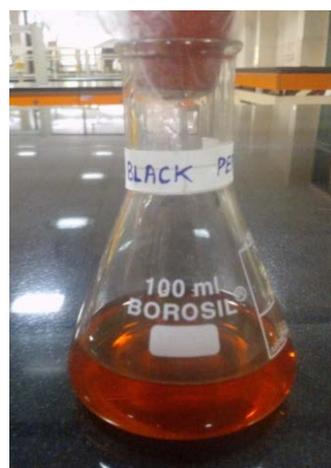
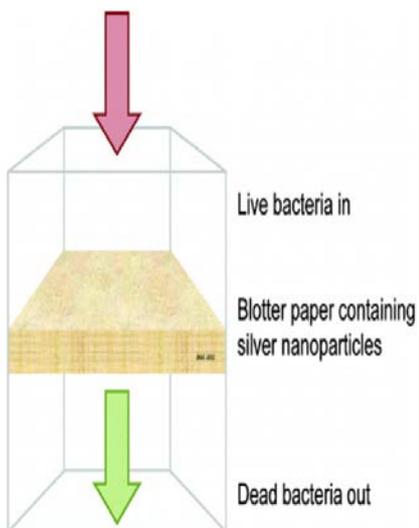
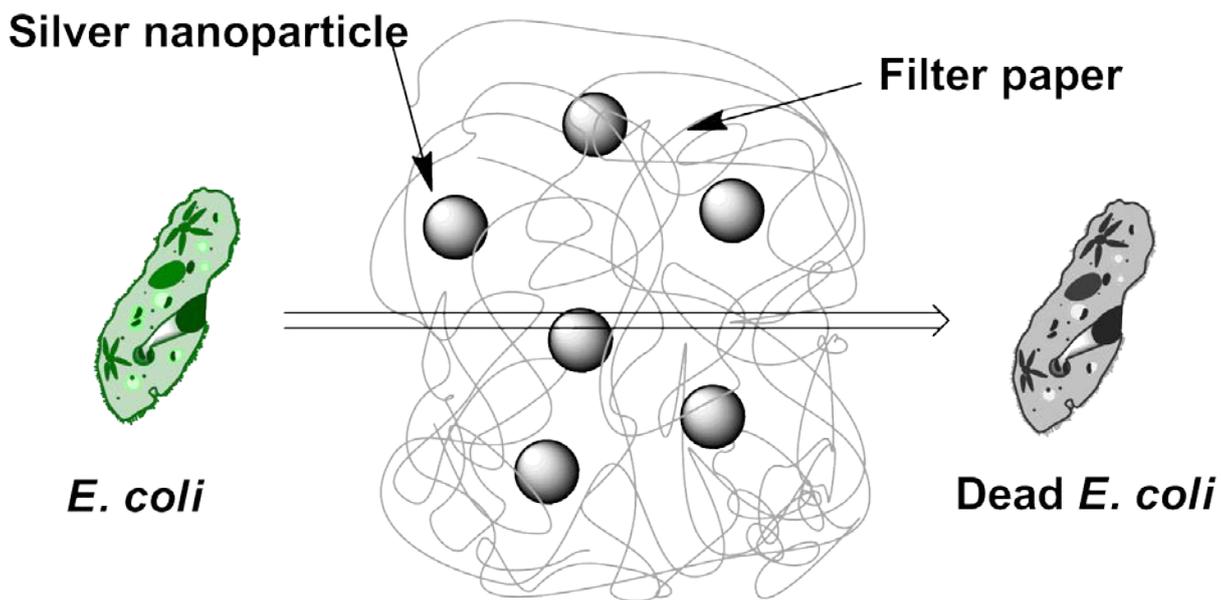


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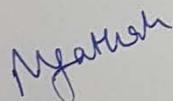


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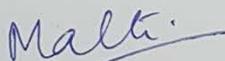
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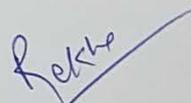
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ABSTRACT:

There is a pressing need for small-scale, simple and affordable point-of-use purification systems that can purify water of bacteria and other harmful microorganisms. As part of the project we have designed the following water purification prototypes using green silver nanoparticles (AgNP) that can provide clean water, meet the international safety standard and help in combating drinking water crisis in emergency situation.

1. Silver Earthen pot
2. Silver Sachet
3. Silver Dialysis tube

The silver nanoparticles used in the above prototypes have been synthesized in good yield and relative good stability through green method using plant extracts. The aim is to inactivate bacteria when sachet or dialysis tube is dipped in water or when water is kept in the earthen pot. The AgNP containing purification devices were tested for antimicrobial activity and silver leaching. They exhibited antimicrobial properties towards *E. coli* and *S. aureus*. The silver loss from the purification devices was minimal. These devices can be used as an effective emergency water treatment to provide safe drinking water to millions of people especially in natural disasters and other emergencies.

These prototypes have other merits over and above the above mentioned ones such as easy availability of starting materials, inexpensive process, simple reaction conditions, avoidance of use of hazardous and toxic reagents and pollution free environment. Water purification devices made using green AgNP can provide clean water within 1 hr without using electricity or heating or any harmful rays. Silver nanoparticles were chosen for water purification because of their good antibacterial activity.

INTRODUCTION:

According to the World Health Organization, over one billion people do not have access to clean drinking water. In countries such as India, 80% of the diseases such as cholera or gastroenteritis are due to bacterial contamination of drinking water. Removal of microorganisms from drinking water to obtain potable water is a critical requirement in various societies across the world, and particularly in India. Today a number of techniques are used for treatment of water such as chlorine and its derivatives, Ultraviolet light, Low frequency ultrasonic irradiation, Distillation, Reverse Osmosis, Water sediment filters (fiber and ceramic), Ozonisation etc. Halogens such as chlorine (Cl) and bromine (Br) are well known as antibacterial agents, but the direct use of

halogens as bactericides has many problems because of their high toxicity and vapor pressure in pure form.

There is a pressing need for small-scale filter systems that can purify water of bacteria and other harmful microorganisms. A simple and inexpensive filtering system could provide safe drinking water for millions of people who are in short supply of clean water, especially in rural areas, natural disasters and other emergencies. These filtering devices must be cheap, safe, portable and easy to use.

OBJECTIVES:

The overall research objective is to study the synthesis, characterization of AgNP and its antimicrobial property and build a water purification device thereby obtaining pathogen-free water over a sustained period of time, without any loss of activity of AgNP.

Project had the following four developmental components

- Green Synthesis of AgNP using spice (cinnamon, fennel, clove, cumin and black pepper) extracts
- Characterization of synthesized AgNP (UV-Vis spectra, TEM, Zeta Potential etc)
- Antimicrobial analysis of synthesized AgNP.
- Develop purification devices using green AgNP that can provides 10 liters of clean water in about an hour time and also meets the international safety standards
- Study the antimicrobial activity of water before and after purification using the designed purification devices.

METHODOLOGY:

- Green Synthesis of AgNP in bulk using water as a solvent
- Characterization of green AgNP.
- Antibacterial analysis of green AgNP.
- Developed small-scale, simple and affordable point-of-use purification devices using green AgNP.
- Studied the antimicrobial activity of water before and after purification using the designed purification devices.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles (AgNP) and their characterization

AgNP were prepared by reducing silver nitrate with spice extracts of clove, cinnamon, cumin, black pepper and fennel seeds using Green Method. The biomolecules contained in these plant materials not only played a role in reducing the silver particles to the nanosize, but also played an important role in the capping of nanoparticles. It was observed that the Green Synthesis yielded AgNP in good amount with relative good stability. The synthesised AgNP were characterized by colour change, UV-Vis spectrophotometry, Tyndall effect, Transmission Electron Microscopy and zeta potentiometry. The spectra exhibit a Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR) absorption band in the range of 416-431 nm confirming the size to be around 30 nm. The position of band did not change after one week, depicting the stability of prepared NP, although absorbance showed a red shift with decrease in the absorbance value. Further, the antibacterial activity analysis showed that the bacterial samples (*S. aureus* and *E. coli*) treated with the synthesized silver nanoparticles showed minimum inhibitory concentration in the range of 25-30 μM .

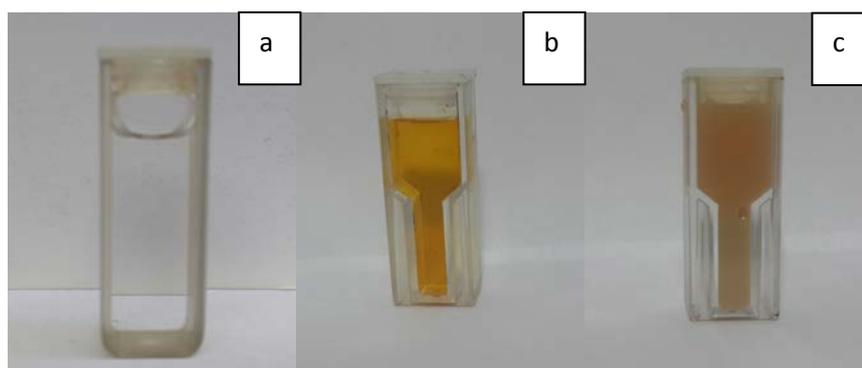


Fig 1: (a) AgNO_3 solution and AgNP prepared (b) using clove (b) using cinnamon

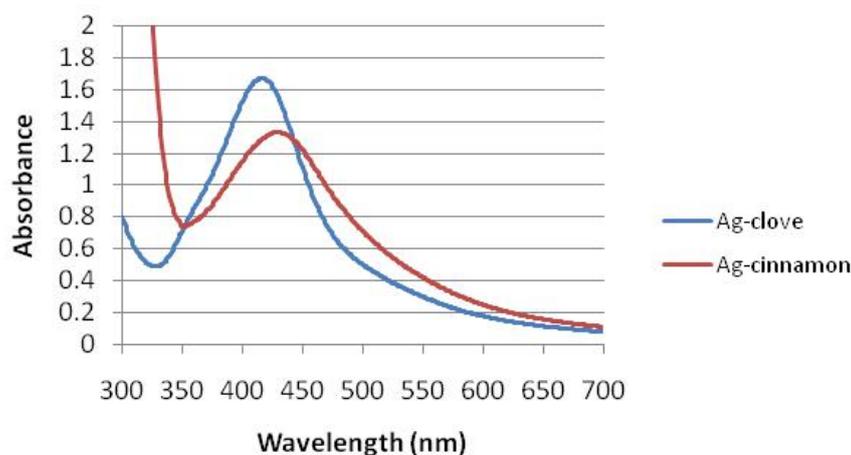


Fig 2: UV-Vis Spectrum: Plasmon Resonance of AgNP synthesized using clove and cinnamon

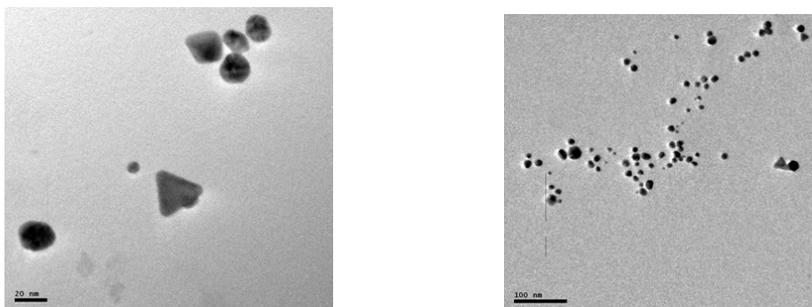


Fig 3: TEM images of AgNP prepared



Fig 4: Antimicrobial activity of AgNPs against (a) *S. Aureus* (b) *E. Coli*

Point-of- Use Purification devices

AgNP made by using cinnamon as reducing and stabilizing agent were then used for making purification devices. Two of the purification devices developed are in the form of sachet and dialysis tube containing green and eco-friendly AgNP embedded in starch based bioplastic and the other is in the form of a earthen pot soaked with the same AgNP. The aim is to inactivate bacteria when sachet or dialysis tube is dipped in water or when water is kept in the earthen pot. We then investigated the antimicrobial activity of AgNP on water with and without AgNP-sachet or dialysis tube and on water kept in earthen pot soaked with and without AgNP. They exhibited antimicrobial properties towards *E. coli* and *S. aureus*. These devices can be used as an effective emergency water treatment to provide safe drinking water to millions of people especially in natural disasters and other emergencies.

1. Silver earthen pot for water purification



Fig 5: Silver Earthen Pot for Water Purification

Adopted two methodologies for testing the Viability of microbial cells after their treatment with Nanoparticles.

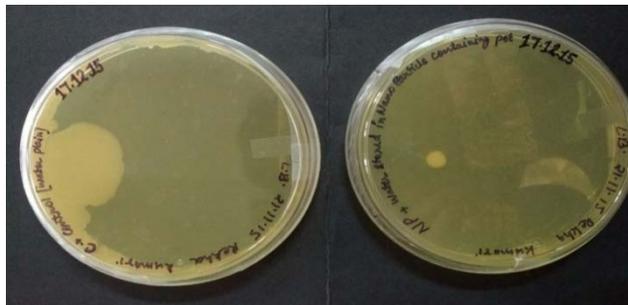
Aliquot plating: To check activity of nanoparticles on water kept for 10 minutes in earthen pots soaked overnight with and without nanoparticles

A (CONTROL)	B (Experimental)
Soaked Earthen pot A in Distilled water overnight.	Soaked the Earthen pot B in Nanoparticles (NP) solution prepared from cinnamon overnight
Emptied the earthen pots into different falcons.	
Kept tap water (20 mL) in earthen pot A & B for 10 minutes	
Took LB (Luria Bertani) agar plate and spread an aliquot of 200 μ L from each earthen pot.	
Kept the plates in incubator at 37°C overnight.	

- In Aliquot plating, we observed that the control plate showed much more bacterial growth as compared to the test plate.
- In Whole sample plating method, we have observed that the control plates showed bacterial growth while the test plates did not show any growth.

Methodology/Experimental Measures adopted	Aliquot Plating	Whole sample Plating
Time of Action Tested	10 minutes	20 hours
Quantity Plated	150 μ L	Pallet suspended in 100 μ L MQ water(made out of 20mL water)

	Control	Test	Control	Test
	Showed greater bacterial growth	Lesser bacterial growth	Showed bacterial growth	No bacterial growth



Control Plate
Water kept in earthen pot A is plated

Test Plate
Water kept in earthen pot B which is soaked in NP is plated

Fig 6: Aliquot Plating of Water kept in Earthen Pot

Whole Plating Method

1. We concluded that the second method (whole plating method) showed more significant results where activity of nanoparticles was actually tested and certified because there was no growth on the plates.
2. Hence, we can say that nanoparticles showed bacterial reduction when timing of action was increased to 20 hrs.
3. Testing with greater concentrations (as in whole plating method [20mL]) showed more significant results as compared to aliquot method where we tested with a concentration of 200 μ L.

2. Silver Sachet for water purification

Silver sachet is prepared by dipping silica gel in AgNP solution for overnight followed by drying. This AgNP embedded silica gel is then packed in a muslin cloth.



Fig 7: Silver Sachet

	Control plate	Test plate
Procedure	Took water sample to be tested.	Silver sachet dipped for 4 hours in water sample to be tested.
	Centrifuged 5mL of above water samples separately, and dissolved the respective pellets in 200 μ L MQ water and used them for plating by spread plate method.	
Observation	Bacterial growth was observed.	No bacterial growth was observed.
Inference	Bacterial growth occurred as there was no nanoparticle treatment.	Antimicrobial activity of nanoparticles is justified since no bacterial growth.



Fig 8: Control plate (bacterial growth)



Fig 9: Test plate (no bacterial growth)

3. Silver Dialysis Tube for Water Purification



Fig 10: Silver Dialysis tube

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE DIRECTION

- The bioplastic pellet obtained show antimicrobial activity in both muslin cloth and dialysing membrane.
- Dialyzing membrane has an additional advantage that the gel does not leach out into water.

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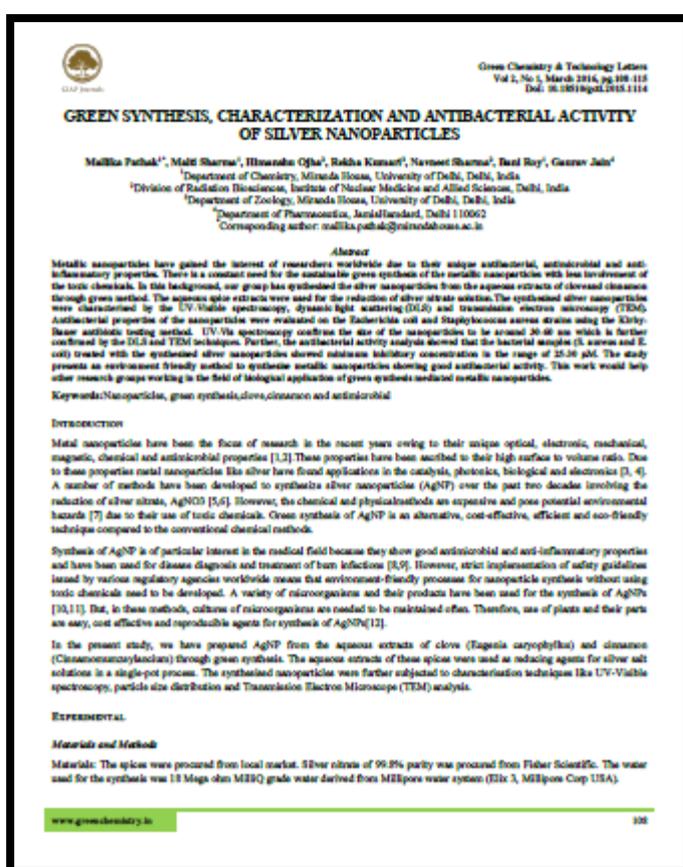
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Green & Ecofriendly Silver nanoparticles (AgNP) for Water Purification Device

Chemical: Costless above environmental pollution (produces large quantities of hazardous wastes)
 Green: Environment friendly and do not produce toxic wastes

Methodology Adopted
 Preparation of AgNP: Natural leaching agents → AgNO₃ solution → Extract + AgNO₃ solution → AgNP → Filtered Nanoparticles

An Approach Towards Making A Water Purification Device
 Earthen pots soaked with AgNP and Silver Satchet (Nyalin cloth with molecular sieves soaked in AgNP) can be used for purification of water

Observations and Results
 Preparation of AgNP: AgNP- size 30-60 nm and spherical shape
 TEM, UV-Vis spectra, Antimicrobial activity of AgNP

Expected outcomes
 Help in solving the water related problems
 Safe drinking water from any source anywhere

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Silver Nanoparticles: Green Synthesis and Characterization

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Metallic nanoparticles have been extensively investigated due to their unique size-dependent properties which make them ideal for numerous applications including their antimicrobial properties. These nanoparticles exhibit unique physical, chemical and biological properties due to their high surface-to-volume ratio which makes them very useful. In this work, silver nanoparticles were prepared by reducing silver nitrate with various spice extracts (clove, cinnamon, cumin, black pepper and fennel seeds) using greener method. The biomolecules contained in these plant materials not only played a role in reducing the silver particles to the nanosize, but also played an important role in the capping of nanoparticles.

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Abstract- Th(IV) complexes were derived from 3-(ethoxymethylene)-2-(2-hydroxy-1H-indolo[2,3-b]phenazine-4(5H)-ylidene)benzothiazole-2-amine (L¹), and 2,3-dihydro-1H-indolo[2,3-b]phenazine-4(5H)-ylidene)benzothiazole-2-amine (L²). The compounds were characterized by elemental analyses, molar conductance, magnetic susceptibility measurements, UV-Vis, FTIR, ¹H NMR, XRD, and TGA studies. Bicipped square antiprismatic geometry has been assigned for both complexes. In both complexes, 2:1 ligand-to-metal ratio has been observed. The ligands and their metal complexes are potent for antioxidant activity.

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Ecofriendly synthesis of silver nanoparticles and their characterization

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Abstract- Metallic nanoparticles have been extensively investigated due to their unique size-dependent properties making them ideal for numerous applications including optical/chemical sensors electronic devices, and catalysts. These nanoparticles exhibit unique physical, chemical and biological properties due to their high surface-to-volume ratio. Many techniques of synthesizing silver

